

**ABSTRACT**  
**For**  
**SERVICE CONTROL IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

The invention relates to service control in a telecommunications network which includes customer terminals (CT) and servers (SP) for offering services to the customers. The service is provided by transmitting information to the customer terminal, and the customer pays for the service by sending payment messages. To achieve a versatile control system for controlling the provision of the service, the system maintains a control parameter whose value is dependent (1) on the service price and on the moments of change in the service price, and (2) on the payments made and on the moments in time that the payments are made. The value of the control parameter is compared to a threshold (TT), and the provision of the service is stopped when the value of the control parameter has reached the threshold.

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